

A D V I C E  
T O T H E  
Citizens of London,  
Concerning their ensuing CHOICE  
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MAYOR, SHERIFFS, and CHAMBERLAIN.

**E**nglishmen, and especially you the Citizens of the Noble City of London have been known too generous to suspect men who speak you fair; and are almost as ready to forget as to forgive past Injuries. But that generosity, which may be to your praise, would become a fault, if it should make no difference between those who have ventur'd their Lives and Fortunes, to secure your privileges and quiet; and those who have Sacrificed your Liberties and their own Oaths, to their Malice, Ambition, or avarice; to gratify which they have either led, or followed, the designs of former Courts, and would pretend to be serviceable to this. You well know the men, who not only were for taking from you by violence, the freedom of particular Elections, but for destroying all at a Lump, by a Treacherous surrender of the Charter. What the effect of that would have been you may observe by what has followed upon the judgment; the Act for reversing it, says you were deprived of your Ancient Liberties; but they who depriv'd you of them, were certainly less Criminal, than they who would have given them up contrary to their Oaths, and the Trust repos'd in them.

And you may observe that even the Act of Parliament, does not Cure two mischiefs occasion'd by that judgment; but seems to leave the Cure to your own Prudence.

1. The Chamber became Bankrupt, which was till then a Fund of Credit, all people had their Monies, or Interest as they had occasion, nor was it an Injury to Orphans, that then their Estates were to come in theirs. The power of forcing them in is now Restor'd, but not that Credit by which they might be secur'd.

2. Men were brought on to the Liveries unduely, while you had no Government, these men had, and yet have equal Votes and Priviledges with those who were in according to the Ancient Rights and Customs of the City.

But it is to be hop'd that they will bethink themselves, that their Interest and the Cities are now settled and bound up together: And tho some of them were brought in to serve a Turn, that they will scorn to be made Tools in the hands of men, who perhaps were then in Disguise, but have since sufficiently markt themselves, and tho they serv'd themselves of a pretence of Zeal, for the Church of England by Law Etablised, and the Monarchy; have shewn that their Church is that which was Etablised by Magna Carta before the Reformation, and their Monarchy, the French Tyranny, or King James his suppos'd Divine Right.

1. Consider Calmly with your selves who brought upon you that Anarchy, or state of Confusion in which you have been, and out of which you are but newly, if you are yet recover'd? Were they they who Petition'd for a Parliament

to enquire into the popish Plot, or they who were Zealous Solicitors for the Destruction of your Liberties, and who were themselves open Violators of them?

2. Whether these men have given the least Sign of their Repentance?

3. Whether tho' this Act secures you against the like Arbitrary judgments for the future, it gives you the least security against your own Treacherous fellow Members, or makes any Provision against their Surrenders, if you by your Choice should give them the opportunity?

4. Whether you have any security that these men are so fully persuaded of the Right of their present Majesties, that they would maintain that, and your Liberties, against the late King James?

5. Whether the Arbitrary Government of the late King, is not more suitable to the Tempers and avowed principles of these men, than the gentle and Legal Government of their present Majesties?

6. Whether if the late King James should come again and solicit a Surrender, they might not comply with the pleasure of their Prince in the like fit of Loyalty as possessed them formerly?

To come therefore to positive Heads, which it may be hop'd every good Citizen will have regard to; you ought certainly, in your Choice to avoid those who fall under either of the following Characters:

1. Who when his present Majesty was upon Landing for our Deliverance, vow'd their **Lives and Fortunes** to maintain King James in his Arbitrary power.

2. Who yet declare King James to be their only Rightful King.

3. Who pray for his Restauration; according to the Form lately set forth and published by some of that party.

4. Who Voted for the Surrender of your Charter, or the Charter of any Company within the City.

5. Who disturb'd the freedom of your Elections, or were accessary toward the disturbance, in planting Souldiers in Guildhall, Commanding or abetting them, there or the like.

6. Who were of any of those Juries, which will be infamous to future Ages, for their following directions from abroad more than evidence, even to the late King, **T'away the Lives of the best Patriots**.

7. Who are recommended to your Choice by such men, as are above subscribed not only as it is to be supposed that they would promote that Interest which set them up, but as it is most probable, that they have secret assurances, either from their promises, or some evidences of their inclinations, which you are ignorant of.

It may be needless to tell you how much your present Mayor has deserv'd of your City, and of this Nation, and how much he has suffer'd for the Rights and Liberties of both; certain it is, he can have no back door to the late King, he has appear'd too vigorous in the Cause of his Religion and Country, to be able to make his peace with him, or his Party. Some men who would be thought truest to the **Church and Monarchy**, it is to be fear'd at least, look two ways; but it is certainly, highly consistent you to have those Chief Officers who you are satisfied cannot, will not, betray you.

Were your King to continue among you, you would be safe in his Courage and Conquest, but his absence will be a time of Tryal; during which, if you are true to the Interest of your most Gracious King and Queen, who have rescued you from the effects of Arbitrary Power, and the Treachery of your fellow Citizens, If you are true to your Religion, your Country and your City, you may become as Famous, and as Flourishing as ever you were in any past Age.

The Wisdom of this Parliament has so far imitated God Almighty as to make your Happiness or Misery, in great measure to depend upon your own Choice: And if you have found any inconvenience formerly, in placing a foolish confidence in some mens fair Words and Promises, it is to be hop'd that now at last you will profit by your dear bought Experience.

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